

Council to vote on menorah

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Eden Park's holiday display should include a Jewish menorah as well as the annual Christian nativity scene, says a resolution sent to Cincinnati City Council for a vote today.

J. Kenneth Blackwell says he has the votes to get the resolution passed. It directs the park board to find space for a menorah — a nine-candle candelabrum used in the celebration of Hanukkah — compatible with the location provided for the annual nativity scene near Krohn Conservatory in December.

"My belief is that the manger scene as well as the menorah should be dis-

played," Blackwell said.

Council's law committee backed Blackwell's proposal and sent it to full council for a vote.

Blackwell's request came in response to a letter sent to council in September by religious leaders in the city which cites state and federal court decisions that prohibit the continuing display of unattended religious symbols on public property.

Rabbi Sholom B. Kalmanson, who in April vowed to continue the fight to light a menorah without restriction on Fountain Square during the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah, declined comment.